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DISCONTINUANCE OR MERGER OF HEALTH SCHEMES FOR RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have discontinued certain health schemes which were implemented in rural areas or have decided to merge them with other schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and average annual expenditure incurred on their implementation;

(c) the reasons for discontinuing these schemes or merging them with other schemes; and

(d) the details of other health care schemes being implemented in villages at present?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) Under the `Special Health Scheme for Rural Areas` financial assistance to a voluntary organisation was provided at the ratio of 40:40:20 of the project cost by the Central Govt., State Govt. and the voluntary organization respectively.However, this scheme has been discontinued from the financial year 2001-2002 on account of unwillingness of State Govts. to bear their share of financial assistance. During the financial year 2000-2001, an expenditure of Rs.5.56 lakhs was incurred in implementation of this scheme.

Financial assistance under the `Scheme for Improvement of Medical Services` was available to voluntary organizations which were running hospitals in rural areas or in urban areas but catering to urban slums only. This scheme has been discontinued from the financial year 2002-2003 on advice of the Planning Commission as voluntary organizations are getting assistance under various Disease Control Programmes. An expenditure of Rs.7.40 lakhs was incurred during the year 2001-2002 under this scheme.

(d) National Programmes for control of T.B., Blindness, Malaria, Leprosy, AIDS, Cancer etc. are being implemented throughout the country, including rural areas.